

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following section headings on page 1, after the title and before line 3:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, at line 3, with the following replacement paragraph:

-- The invention relates to gripping means for a signal line ~~according to the preamble of claim 14~~ and particularly to gripping means having a rigid component. The invention also relates to a signal line ~~according to the preamble of claim 14~~ such that a signal that is transmitted through the line can be influenced by loads exerted externally on the cable. --

Please insert the following section heading on page 1, at line 6:

-- 2. Description of the Prior Art --

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-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please insert the following section heading on page 4, at line 30:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please insert the following section heading on 5, at line 13:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --